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Critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000, in which it decided to provide the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women with financial assistance on a non-recurrent basis, enabling the Institute to continue its activities throughout 2001,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/40 of 26 July 2001 and its recommendation that the General Assembly consider the transfer of any balance remaining from the $800,000 advance for 2001 to the Institute as a reserve for 2002,

Recognizing that despite the persistent difficulties and uncertainties that the Institute has confronted during the past two years, it has managed to secure the minimal resources with which to respond to the mandates given by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation affecting the Institute;[1]

2. *Commends* the Institute for the successive implementation of phases I and II of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System and the initiation of phase III;

3. *Expresses its concern* that, after the departure of the Director in July 2001 and notwithstanding the severe predicament of the Institute, a new Director has not yet been appointed;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/56/279.

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4. *Decides*:

(a) To establish a working group composed of two governmental representatives from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations and one representative of the host country, the mandate of the working group being to recommend to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002, measures to bring about the long-term sustainability and the future development of the Institute, and in the meantime to provide the Institute with the necessary financial support for the continuity of its core operations in a productive and cost-effective manner;

(b) To request the Joint Inspection Unit to conduct a review of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and an urgent evaluation of the activities of the Institute;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to:

(a) Appoint a Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as soon as possible in order to provide the Institute with the required leadership;

(b) Ensure that the Secretariat provides the working group with the support it requires for the undertaking of their work;

(c) Continue to encourage Member States to support the Institute by making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002, on the implementation of the present resolution.